(c) what action Government have taken or propose to take to increase the job opportunities for the disabled to the satisfactory level within a time frame?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No such statistical information is available.

(b) The information has been called for from the Government of Maharashtra.

(c) The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights & Full Participation) Act enjoins three per cent reservation for disabled persons in ail Government establishments. Under Central Sponsored Scheme 50 Special Employment Exchanges and 39 Special Cells have been set up to exclusively to help persons with disabilities in getting gainful employment. The National Handicapped Finance & Development Corporation has been recently set up to provide soft loans to persons with disabilities for self-employment ventures.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

एस॰ई॰सी॰एल॰ और एम॰सी॰एल॰ से उच्च ग्रेड के कोयले का अवैध परिवहन

2749. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव:** क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1996-97 और 1997-98 के दौरान एस॰ई॰सी॰एल॰ और एम॰सी॰एल॰ में बिक्री किए जाने वाले कोयले के निर्धारित ग्रेड के बदले उच्च ग्रेड के कोयले के अवैध परिवहन के कितने मामले सामने आए;

(ख) इन मामलों में दोनों कंपनियों के दोषी पाए गए अधिकारियों व कर्मचारियों का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) उनके विरुद्ध की गई कार्रवाई का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) ऐसे मामलों को रोकने के लिए की गई कार्यवाही का ब्यौरा क्या है?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री दिलीप राय): (क) कोल इंडिया लि॰ (को॰ई॰लि॰) से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार सा॰ई॰को॰लि॰ में 1997-98 के दौरान उच्च ग्रेड के कोयले के अवैध परिवहन का एक मामला सामने आया है।

(ख) और (ग) इन मामलों में दोषी पाये गए एक वरिष्ठ बिक्री अधिकारी तथा एक सुरक्षा गार्ड को आरोप पत्र जारी किया गया और उन्हें निलंबित कर दिया गया।

(घ) को॰ई॰लि॰ ने सूचित किया है कि इस प्रकार की घटनाओं को रोकने के लिए निम्नलिखित कदम उठाए गए हैं:—

(i) सभी जांच चौकी/नाकों पर विभागीय सुरक्षा कर्मियों को तैनात किया गया है।

(ii) ट्रकों के आवागमन को विनियमित करने के लिए लदान स्थलों पर सुरक्षा कर्मियों को तैनात कर दिया गया है।

(iii) वे-ब्रिजों, लदान स्थलों तथा नाकों पर समय-समय पर अचानक निरीक्षण किया जाता है।

Coal Mines under Western Coalfields Limited

2750. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Western Coalfields Limited plans to close down some of the mines and also propose to open new coal mines at new sites;

(b) if so, the details of coal mines likely to be closed down and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of coal mines which will be opened at new sites, the likely expenditure to be incurred on opening the said coal mines; and

(d) the profit/losses incurred by Western Coalfields Limited during the past three Years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) plans to close down three underground coal mines of Pench Area in

Chhindwara District. The details are given below:

S. No.	Name of the Mine	Reasons for closure
1.	Chhinda underground	The mine is being converted to opencast mine
2.	Rawanwara underground	The mine is being closed due to exhaustion of coal reserves.
3.	Eklehra underground	The mine is being closed due to exhaustion of coal reserves.

(c) WCL has planned to open 26 mines during IX Plan, details of which are in the enclosed statement (*See* below). The total capital requirement for these 26 projects is Rs. 1901.08 crores out of which Rs. 971.59 crores is proposed to be spent during IX plan period.

(d) The profit of WCL during 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 is Rs. 98.59 crores, Rs. 525.21 crores and Rs. 650.00 crores (provisional) respectively.

Statement

New Projects to be opened during IX Plan

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Type	Capital Rs. Crs.	Invest. IX Plan	Name of Coalfields
1.	Saoner Expn.	UG	47.56	40.00	Kamtee/Silewara Maharashtra
2.	Dhurwasa	OC	57.11	38.73	Wardha Valley Maharashtra
3.	Nirguda	OC	88.84	75.28	-do-
4.	Kolgaon	OC	59.69	49.06	-do-
5.	Adasa	UG	37.53	14.58	Kamtee/Silewara Maharashtra
6.	Kamptee UG to OC	OC	96.65	40.00	-do-
7.	Bhatadih Expn.	OC	96.00	60.00	Wardha Valley Maharashtra
8.	Ghatrohana	OC	78.00	50.00	Kamtee/Silewara Maharashtra
9.	Makardhokra I	OC	64.00	60.00	Umrer, Maharashtra
10.	Nand-I	UG	60.24	14.07	-do-
11.	Waghoda	UG	47.00	10.00	Kamtee/Silewara Maharashtra
12.	Navinkunada Expn.	OC	80.00	48.00	Wardha Valley Maharashtra
13.	New Majri Deep	OC	160.00	50.00	-do-
14.	Tawa	UG	98.07	40.00	Pathakhera, M.P.
15.	Chattarpur-III	UG	54.24	18.10	Pathakhera, M.P.
16.	Urdhan	OC	125.22	109.72	Pench/Kanhan M.P.
17.	Dhankasa	UG	60.00	35.00	-do-
18.	Jamuniya	UG	50.00	10.00	-do-

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Type	Capital Rs. Crs.	Invest. IX Plan	Name of Coalfields
19.	Mandla-south	UG	70.00	5.00	-do-
20.	Thesgora-B	UG	35.00	10.00	-do-
21.	Kumberkhani	UG	52.35	22.55	Wardha Valley Maharashtra
22.	Gauri Deep	OC	100.00	47.00	-do-
23.	Junakunada	OC	94.59	55.63	-do-
24.	Chinchala	UG	48.99	11.37	-do-
25.	Nakoda Extn.	UG	60.00	10.50	-do-
26.	Bina	OC	80.00	47.00	Kamtee/Silewara Maharashtra
	Grand Total		**1901.08**	**971.59**	

Wages of workers and executives in BCCL

2751. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers and executives as on the 1st May, 1973 after nationalisation of BCCL and as on 1st March, 1998;

(b) wage bills of both in those two years;

(c) whether the workers of collieries were given minimum of the public sector scales and the Executives the maximum one as given to the ONGC; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) The number of workers and executives in BCCL as on 1st May, 1973 and 1st March, 1998 are as under:

	As on 1.5.1973	As on 1.3.1998
Executives	1202	3184
Workers	164602	134247
TOTAL	165804	137431

(b) The information in respect of wage bill for 1973-74 and 1997-98 from audited accounts of Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) is as under:

	1973-74
Salaries & Wages	Rs. 6,232.33 lakhs

(No break-up of executive and non-executive is available).

	1997-98
Gross Wages of Workers	Rs. 84,455.00 lakhs
Gross wages of Executives	Rs. 4,852.00 lakhs
TOTAL	Rs. 89,307.00 lakhs

(c) and (d) While the wages of workers are negotiated and settled under the mechanism of Joint Bipartite Committee for Coal Industry, the executives' pay package is fixed taking into account the guidelines of Bureau of Public Enterprises.

Coal reserves in Jharia Coal-fields

2752. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what are the total and proved coal reserves of Jharia Coalfields, coking and non-coking, separately;